



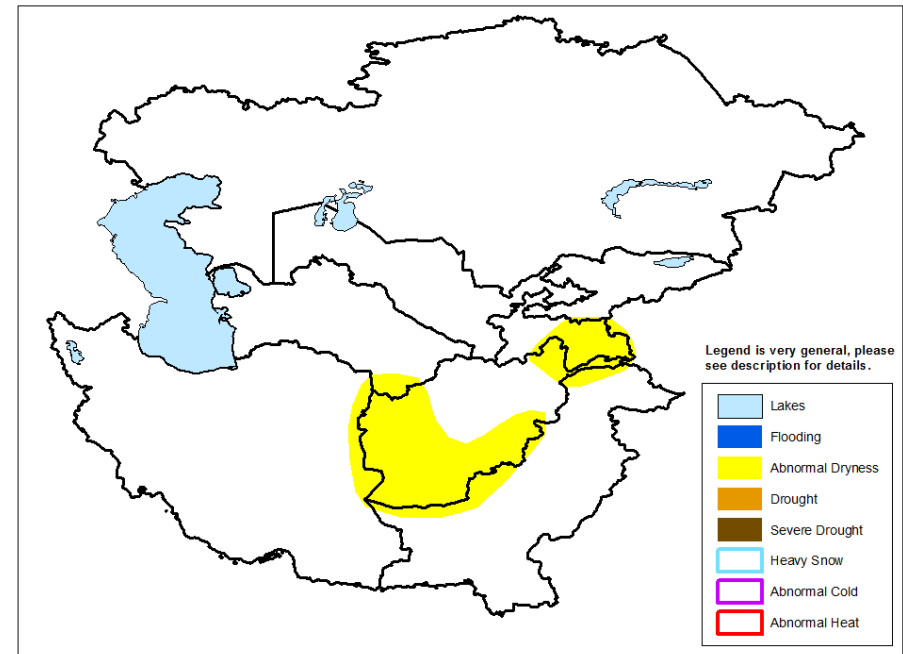
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 18 – 24, 2016

Temperatures:

From February 7-13, temperatures averaged above normal, with warm anomalies ranging between 5-7 degrees Celsius across northern Kazakhstan, whereas near normal temperatures were observed farther south throughout the remainders of the region. Minimum temperature reached below -20 degrees Celsius across central and northern Kazakhstan. During the next outlook period, near-normal temperatures are forecast to return over Central Asia, with minimum temperature falling between -20 to -30 degrees Celsius in central and northern Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

During the past seven days, light to moderate precipitation (< 25 mm liquid equivalent) fell over the central portions of Central Asia from central Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, to northeastern Afghanistan. Over the past thirty days, small to moderate precipitation deficits have persisted over western and southern Afghanistan, northeastern Afghanistan, and eastern Tajikistan, leading to below-average snow water volume and abnormal dryness throughout the basins. During the next outlook period, while widespread light to moderate precipitation is forecast in western Kazakhstan, scattered little to light precipitation is expected over Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Suppressed precipitation is forecast elsewhere.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.